

**Remarks**

Claims 1-21 are currently pending in this Application. Claims 1-7, 11, and 12 were rejected, Claims 8-10 were objected to, and Claims 13-21 were allowed.

Please cancel Claims 1-7, 11, and 12 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In view of the amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration by the Examiner, and advancement of the application to allowance.

**Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-7 and 11-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 4,742,144 ("Nguyen et al."). Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-7 and 11-12 so this rejection is now moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner objected to Claims 8-10 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim and indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 8 and 9 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants also respectfully submit that Claim 10 is dependent on an objected to claim (Claim 9), not a rejected base claim. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 10 need not be rewritten in independent form to be allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

The Examiner allowed Claims 13-21.

**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance directed towards Claims 8-10 and 13-21. If a telephone conference would expedite the processing of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (281) 719-4803.

Applicants believe there are no fees due at this time; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Huntsman Corporation Deposit Account No. 08-3442.

Respectfully submitted,



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